

## 2010-11 AmeriCorps\*State Program Portfolio

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### Boomers Leading Change in Health

*Grantee Organization:* Colorado Nonprofit Development Center

*Award Type:* Planning Grant - Formula

*Contact:* Barbara Raynor

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*Website:* www.BLCiH.org

*Award Amount:* \$50,000

*AmeriCorps Members:* n/a

*Communities Served:* Denver, Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Douglas, and Jefferson counties

*Program Description:* The purpose of this planning grant is to develop an AmeriCorps program to support Boomers Leading Change in Health, a health navigator program designed to increase volunteerism by adults over age 55. The program seeks to improve the quality of and access to health care in the seven-county metro Denver area.

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### Boys & Girls Club AmeriCorps Alliance

*Grantee Organization:* Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer County

*Award Type:* Program Operating Grant - Formula

*Contact:* Julie Mordecai

*Email:* mordecai@gojade.org

*Website:* www.ColoradoBoysAndGirlsClubs.org

*Award Amount:* \$312,000

*AmeriCorps Members:* 25

*Communities Served:* Eight to ten clubs serving 19 communities at 28 sites, including Alamosa, Aurora, Avondale, Brighton, Buena Vista, Salida, Colorado Springs, Commerce City, Craig, Denver, Durango, Fort Collins, Wellington, Loveland, Pueblo, Olathe, Rocky Ford, South Park, and the Southern Ute Reservation in Ignacio

*Program Description:* The program works to lower risk factors for youth by providing the stability of a safe place to go during after school hours as well as provide the academic, emotional and social support youth need to reach their full potential. AmeriCorps members serve as youth development professionals to run teen programming, after school homework help, and provide programming in the arts, physical and social education. Some members also assist in recruiting and coordinating local volunteers.

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## City/DPS Collaborative – Urban Education Service Corps

*Grantee Organization:* Denver Public Schools

*Award Type:* Program Operating Grant - Formula

*Contact:* Roxanne Nice

*Email:* Roxanne\_Nice@dpsk12.org

*Website:* www.DPSAmeriCorps.wordpress.com

*Award Amount:* \$496,314

*AmeriCorps Members:* 98

*Communities Served:* Denver Public Schools: Cole, Five Points, Whittier, Swansea, Clayton, Skyland, East Academy, East H.S., Capitol Hill; Central Business areas: Cheeseman Park, Cherry Creek, City Park

*Program Description:* The program increases student enrollment and attendance, reduces the dropout rate, and reengages students in eight under-performing schools by increasing parent and family engagement in the school community. AmeriCorps members complete outreach and school enrollment campaigns at strategic locations in targeted neighborhoods.

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## Colorado HIPPYCorps

*Grantee Organization:* Colorado Parent & Child Foundation

*Award Type:* Program Operating Grant - Competitive

*Contact:* David Tisdale

*Email:* david@cpcfonline.org

*Website:* www.cpcfonline.org

*Award Amount:* \$279,000

*AmeriCorps Members:* 39

*Communities Served:* Adams, Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Denver, Jefferson, Rio Grande, and Saguache counties

*Program Description:* HIPPYCorps (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) is a home-based, peer-delivered, early intervention program designed to empower parents to become their child's primary educator. AmeriCorps members provide weekly home visits as well as role modeling and mentoring to parents. Members are recruited from the population of parents served by the program, which includes areas where over 95% of families fall below poverty guidelines.

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## Colorado Youth Corps Association

*Grantee Organization:* Colorado Youth Corps Association

*Award Type:* Program Operating Grant – Education Award Program

*Contact:* Jennifer Freeman

*Email:* jfreeman@cyca.org

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*Website:* [www.cyca.org](http://www.cyca.org)

*Award Amount:* \$41,568

*AmeriCorps Members:* 187

*Communities Served:* Statewide

*Program Description:* This program develops and maintains the capacity of a statewide network of youth conservation corps programs. Members complete service projects to maintain and enhance public lands. Nine youth corps sites in rural and urban areas of the state enroll members to complete conservation service projects such as trail construction and habitat restoration on public lands in their local communities. Additionally, programs offer young people a number of education opportunities including environmental education, citizenship instruction, and basic education such as GED preparation.

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## **Community Building Partnership for Youth in Transition**

*Grantee Organization:* City and County of Denver, Department of Human Services

*Award Type:* Program Operating Grant – Formula

*Contact:* Nicole Vera

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*Website:* [www.CBPYTAmeriCorps.org](http://www.CBPYTAmeriCorps.org)

*Award Amount:* \$259,999

*AmeriCorps Members:* 20

*Communities Served:* City and County of Denver, Adams County, Boulder

*Program Description:* The purpose of the program is to engage youth emancipating out of foster care and to support them on their journey to adulthood. Each year, approximately 400 young people in Colorado age out of foster care and approximately 300 emancipate. The program helps these young people transition to self-sufficiency by providing a strong safety net of support and resources to help them reach their full potential and maintain stability.

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## **Energize La Plata**

*Grantee Organization:* Southern Ute Community Action Programs, Inc.

*Award Type:* Program Operating Grant – Formula

*Contact:* Peter Tregillus

*Email:* [ptregillus@sucap.org](mailto:ptregillus@sucap.org)

*Website:* [www.sucap.org](http://www.sucap.org)

*Award Amount:* \$156,000

*AmeriCorps Members:* 12

*Communities Served:* La Plata County, Southern Ute Indian Reservation; Towns of Ignacio, Bayfield, and Durango

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*Program Description:* Energize La Plata is a federation of entities seeking to address a number of youth, family, and community development needs in the Southern Ute Indian Reservation region in southwestern Colorado. AmeriCorps members are involved in implementing an information survey at the Southern Ute Head Start Program, improving protective factors for teens engaged in using alcohol and drugs, engaging youth in civic activities, and implementing programs that address youth obesity.

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## **Frontier Asset Building's CERTI (Colorado East Rural Tax Initiative)**

*Grantee Organization:* Frontier Asset Building

*Award Type:* Program Operating Grant – Formula

*Contact:* Shawn Young

*Email:* shawn@frontierassetbuilding.org

*Website:* www.FrontierAssetBuilding.org

*Award Amount:* \$142,112

*AmeriCorps Members:* 21

*Communities Served:* Yuma, Washington, Lincoln, Kit Carson, Cheyenne, Elbert, Eastern Adams, and El Paso counties

*Program Description:* Through the CERTI program, AmeriCorps members provide tax preparation services, financial education, and asset building counseling in rural Colorado. Working in team-based units, the AmeriCorps members work with low to moderate income individuals and families to increase the amount of Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) claimed and received, which shall increase investment in the local community and decrease the local levels of poverty.

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## **Job Training Education and Conservation Program**

*Grantee Organization:* Year One, Inc., dba Mile High Youth Corps

*Award Type:* Program Operating Grant – Competitive

*Contact:* Kara Silbernagel

*Email:* KaraS@mhyc.net

*Website:* www.MileHighYouthCorps.org

*Award Amount:* \$736,280

*AmeriCorps Members:* 158

*Communities Served:* Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Custer, Delta, Denver, Douglas, Eagle, El Paso, Elbert, Fremont, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Gunnison, Huerfano, Jackson, Jefferson, Las Animas, Mesa, Moffat, Montrose, Pitkin, Pueblo, Rio Blanco, Routt counties

*Program Description:* The program addresses the environmental and community improvement needs of urban and rural communities. Members, recruited from the community, participate in a service-learning program that encompasses environmental education, civic engagement, healthy lifestyles, independent living skills, career development and leadership. Service projects concentrate on environmental restoration, protection and conservation, energy conservation, affordable housing, and community improvement projects. Program sites are located in Denver, Steamboat Springs, Fort

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## **Mesa State College AmeriCorps Program**

*Grantee Organization:* Mesa State College

*Award Type:* Program Operating Grant – Formula

*Contact:* Angie Bertrand

*Email:* AngieB@MesaState.edu

*Website:* [www.MesaState.edu/AmeriCorps](http://www.MesaState.edu/AmeriCorps)

*Award Amount:* \$325,000

*AmeriCorps Members:* 38

*Communities Served:* Eight sites in Grand Junction and Mesa County

*Program Description:* The program provides inter-agency collaborative efforts that strengthen resources for the youth in Mesa County. The project addresses the following areas: family management problems, lack of commitment to school, alienation and rebelliousness and problem behavior.

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## **Metro Volunteers: Capacity Building through Training**

*Grantee Organization:* Metro Volunteers

*Award Type:* Planning Grant – Formula

*Contact:* Kristy Judd

*Email:* KristyJudd@MetroVolunteers.org

*Website:* [www.MetroVolunteers.org](http://www.MetroVolunteers.org)

*Award Amount:* \$49,999

*AmeriCorps Members:* n/a

*Communities Served:* Denver metro area

*Program Description:* This planning grant is being utilized to develop an AmeriCorps program to support the professional growth and leadership development of community agency staff, as well as volunteer center organization staff, develop strategies to utilize a centralized information technology system, and expand innovative and special projects that enhance volunteer program offerings.

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## **Metro Volunteers: Strengthening the Colorado Volunteer Center Network**

*Grantee Organization:* Metro Volunteers, on behalf of CVCN

*Award Type:* Planning Grant – Formula

*Contact:* Kristy Judd

*Email:* KristyJudd@MetroVolunteers.org

*Website:* [www.MetroVolunteers.org](http://www.MetroVolunteers.org)

*Award Amount:* \$49,999

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*AmeriCorps Members:* n/a

*Communities Served:* Statewide - communities that currently have a volunteer center

*Program Description:* This planning grant will focus on the establishment of a financially sustainable membership structure for the Colorado Volunteer Center Network (CVCN), a statewide technical assistance and professional development program to volunteer centers, a repository for shared materials, a statewide messaging campaign, and a plan to utilize AmeriCorps members in the execution of the work.

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## **Pueblo Community College AmeriCorps Program**

*Grantee Organization:* Pueblo Community College

*Award Type:* Program Operating Grant – Formula

*Contact:* Michelle Von Fange

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*Website:* www.PuebloCC.edu

*Award Amount:* \$189,706

*AmeriCorps Members:* 26

*Communities Served:* City and County of Pueblo

*Program Description:* AmeriCorps members serve the City and County of Pueblo by working with several local non-profit and community organizations. At their host sites, members serve by strengthening volunteer management and recruitment, conducting outreach, securing resources in support of service activities, building infrastructure, developing collaborative relationships with other organizations, and providing direct services to members of the community.

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## **Poverty Alleviation in Larimer County**

*Grantee Organization:* United Way of Larimer County

*Award Type:* Planning Grant – Formula

*Contact:* Adam Molzer

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*Website:* www.uwaylc.org

*Award Amount:* \$18,596

*AmeriCorps Members:* n/a

*Communities Served:* Larimer County with a focus on Fort Collins

*Program Description:* This planning grant focuses on the development of an AmeriCorps program to support the northern Colorado nonprofit community and expand capacity for local nonprofits that address poverty and barriers to self-sufficiency. The program also will generate new community volunteers at the partnering agencies.

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## Regional Substance Abuse Prevention Partners (RSAPP)

*Grantee Organization:* Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado

*Award Type:* Program Operating Grant – Formula

*Contact:* Cathy Cowles

*Email:* Cathy@rsapp.org

*Website:* www.RSAPP.org

*Award Amount:* \$140,000

*AmeriCorps Members:* 11

*Communities Served:* Archuleta, Delores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan counties; Fort Lewis College

*Program Description:* The RSAPP program addresses substance abuse problems in southwestern Colorado. The goal of the program is to foster solutions from community members, enlist these members to be role models of service and civic responsibility, increase the quality of living within the communities and increase knowledge of the issues facing the communities and region.

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## Saguache United Methodist Church AmeriCorps Program

*Grantee Organization:* United Methodist Church of Center

*Award Type:* Program Operating Grant – Education Award Program

*Contact:* Yvonne Morfitt

*Email:* giveitarivet@yahoo.com

*Website:* n/a

*Award Amount:* \$2,496

*AmeriCorps Members:* 12

*Communities Served:* Saguache County

*Program Description:* The program focuses on education, recreation, and basic needs of young people in rural communities. The AmeriCorps members implement a tutoring program at a school on academic watch. Service activities are also planned to address the needs of the community.

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## The School-Based Mentoring Program

*Grantee Organization:* Partners in Routt County, Inc.

*Award Type:* Program Operating Grant – Formula

*Contact:* Libby Foster

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*Website:* www.PartnersRouttCounty.org

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**Award Amount:** \$91,775

**AmeriCorps Members:** 7

**Communities Served:** Routt County – Middle schools in Steamboat, Oak Creek, and Hayden

**Program Description:** The mentoring program addresses the needs of rural youth in areas of school bonding, negative attitudes towards healthy lifestyles, academics, alcohol, drugs, delinquency and lack of volunteerism. In addition to mentoring relationships formed with students in the school setting, members also become involved in the community as senior partners for a year-long, at-risk youth mentoring partnership.

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## **Weld County Youth Conservation Corps**

**Grantee Organization:** Board of Weld County Commissioners

**Award Type:** Program Operating Grant – Formula

**Contact:** Tami Grant

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**Website:** www.co.weld.co.us

**Award Amount:** \$188,852

**AmeriCorps Members:** 30

**Communities Served:** Greeley, Weld County

**Program Description:** The youth conservation program recruits at-risk youth as AmeriCorps members and provides them the means to acquire job, leadership and civic skills through projects that have a lasting and visible benefit to their community. Corps member development activities include GED preparation, citizenship training, conflict resolution, first aid/CPR, HIV and STD awareness, diversity training, journaling and team building activities.

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## **Portfolio Summary**

<b>Award Type</b>	<b>Number of Programs</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Number of Slots (AmeriCorps Members)</b>	<b>Number of MSY's (Member Service Years)</b>
<b>Competitive</b>	2	\$1,015,780	197	78.42
<b>Formula</b>	14	\$2,470,353	288	195.47
<b>Education Award Program</b>	2	\$44,064	199	55.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$3,530,197</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>328.97</b>